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A LABOR-SAVING DEVICE FOR USE IN THE SUMMATION OF BIOLOGICAL DATA

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A simple device for calculating the length of the different stages of an insect from field data was devised during the course of summation of a quantity of such data dealing with the biology of the pea weevil, at Moscow, Idaho. The scheme was a modification of the numbered calendar, but an improvement, since it hastened the process and increased the accuracy of the calculations.

The device consists essentially of a calendar drawn out on a plane surface, as shown in figure 1, and a scale numbered from 1 to 62, inclusive, as shown in figure 2. The use of the device is most easily explained by an illustration. For example, if it is desired to determine the length of the larval stage of a pea weevil that hatched on July 8 and pupated on August 18, the scale is placed with number 1 on the 8th of July, as in figure 3. Then the number on the scale that corresponds to August 18 on the calendar is read. This number, minus one, gives the number of days in the larval stage--41 days.

If it is desired to determine the life cycle of an individual that began June 8 and ended August 17, place the scale with the number 1 on the 8th of June, read to the end of the line, and record the number on the scale that corresponds to the last figure on the line; then place the scale with the number 1 on the first day of the following line, which in this instance is July 1, read the number that coincides with the 17th of August, add this number to the one previously recorded, and subtract one, which gives 70 days as the length of the life cycle.

Small calendars, 5 inches in length, with scales to match, have proved very satisfactory.

CALENDAR																														
JANUARY - 1															FEBRUARY - 2															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
MARCH - 3															APRIL - 4															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
MAY - 5															JUNE - 6															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
JULY - 7															AUGUST - 8															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SEPTEMBER - 9															OCTOBER - 10															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NOVEMBER - 11															DECEMBER - 12															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FIGURE 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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FIGURE 2

CALENDAR																														
JANUARY - 1															FEBRUARY - 2															
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NOVEMBER - 11															DECEMBER - 12															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FIGURE 3

